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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 6, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 13, 14, and 17.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub. 1. (Amended) A method for treating a human patient having a resectable malignant tumor, comprising administering an immunostimulatory dosage of an α -interferon composition to said patient, then surgically resecting said malignant tumor, wherein said immunostimulatory dosage is about 4,000,000 U/m² per day or less.

18. (Amended) The method of claim [17] 1 wherein said [solid] resectable malignant tumor is selected from the group consisting of breast cancer, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, brain cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, renal cancer, and melanoma.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said [solid] resectable malignant tumor is an early-stage solid tumor.

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